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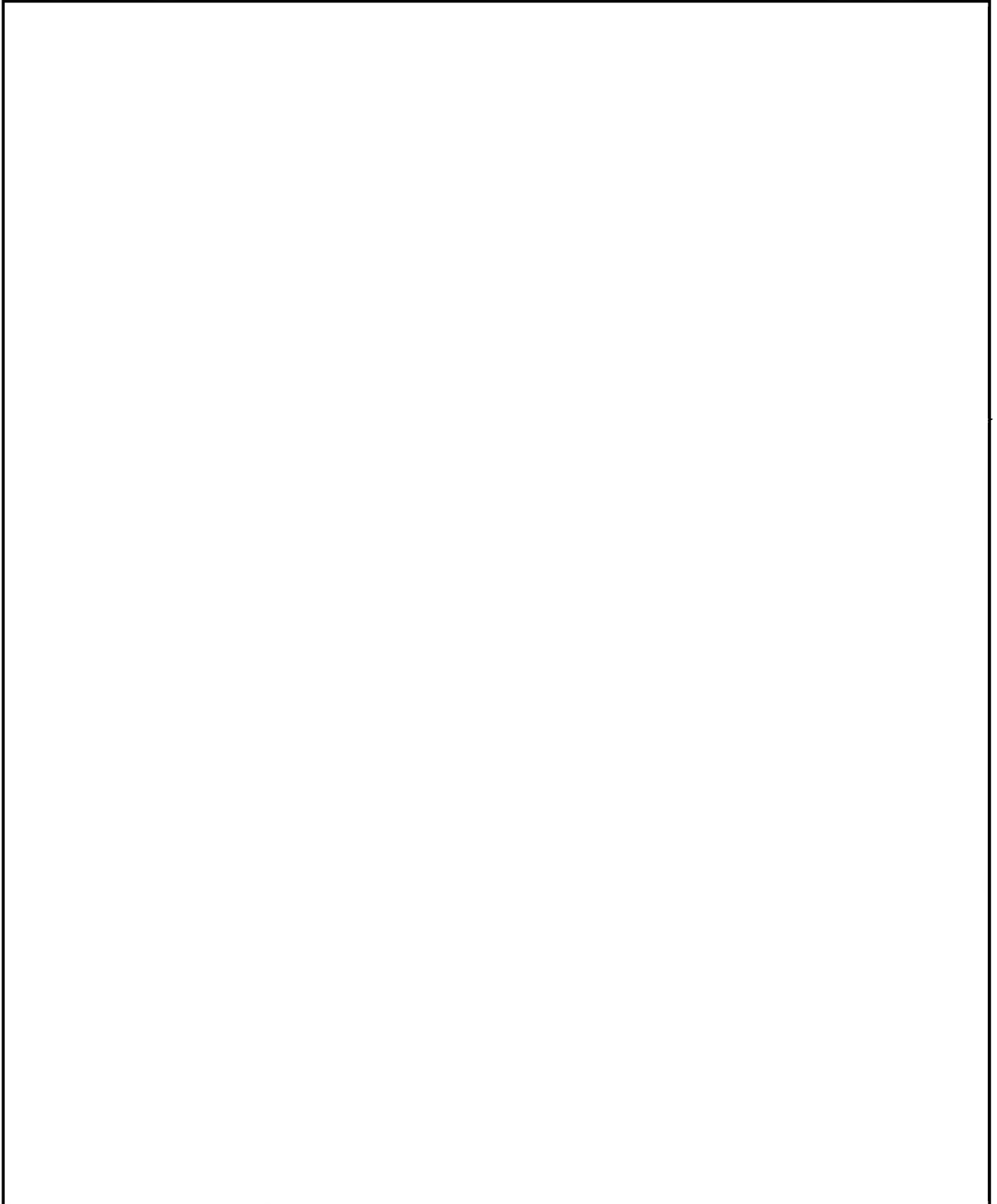
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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(S) Israeli personnel changes, as well as information relating to financial budget of Israeli Embassy for fiscal year 1950-51 set forth.

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[REDACTED] Further indications of attempted utilization by Israelis of influential contacts in U. S. reflected.

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REFERENCE:

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Dated November 16, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

A. GENERAL

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Apparently due to increased personnel, the Israeli Embassy at Washington, D. C., presently occupies the building at 2212 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., in addition to that at 2210 Massachusetts Avenue. According to source T-1 of known reliability, the offices of the Military Attache and his assistants

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as well as those of the Economic Counselor are located at 2212 Massachusetts Avenue.

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According to T-1, the budget recommendations of the Israeli Embassy at Washington for the fiscal year April 1, 1950 to March 31, 1951 (the recommendations being made as of November 30, 1949) reflected the following pertinent information:

The total of recommended salaries for thirty-four persons employed as of November 30, 1949, amounted to \$135,404, which was substantially the same as the total actual salaries of its employees as of that time. It was observed by source that the thirty-four persons included all diplomatic officials and other employees of the Embassy at Washington, D. C., with the exception of those in the Office of the Military, Naval and Air Attache. Funds for the maintenance of the latter office are provided by the Defense Ministry of the Israeli Government rather than by the Foreign Office.

Recommended expenditures for non-personnel matters totalled \$109,400, as compared with \$99,732, the total actual cost for such matters as of November 30, 1949. Specific items for which increases were recommended included entertainment and functions (\$1,200), maintenance of building (\$2,000), equipment and furniture (\$1,000), cable, telephone and telegraph (\$2,000), publicity and photos (\$1,000) and office expenses (\$1,000).

According to source, the total cost for proposed additional personnel would amount to \$37,200. Recommended additional personnel included a Second or Third Secretary, Cultural Attache, secretary to Cultural Attache, secretary to Assistant Press Attache, Press Clerk, stenographer, two Hebrew clerk-typists, building guard and Assistant to the Economic Counselor.

B. PERSONNEL1. DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS:

As reflected by official records of the State Department, Israeli diplomatic officials at Washington, D. C., as of November 1949, are as follows:

ELIAHU SLATH, Ambassador, Shoreham Hotel
MOSHE KOREN, Counselor, 2210 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Colonel LEFRANZ-BER-ARZI, Military, Naval and Air
Attache, 2901 18th Street, N. W.

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MOSHE WITKON, Economic Counselor
3204 Highland Place

MOSHE YUVAL, First Secretary
1915 Kalorama Road

ARTHUR C. A. LIVERHANT, Second Secretary
2700 Que Street, N. W.

Wing Commander, YEHUDA GILIADI, Assistant Air Attache
2202 Colston Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland

Major EMANUEL AVIDOR, Assistant Military Attache
1601 Argonne Place, N. W.

MEIR SHALIT, Assistant Press Attache,
2916 42nd Street, N.W.

Dr. LUDWIG SAMUEL, Agricultural Attache,
4313 28th Place, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

2. DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES:

The following are additional Israeli diplomatic employees as reflected by the records of the Protocol Division, State Department:

(a) ISRAELI EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

[redacted] an Israeli citizen who was born [redacted] at London, England. She arrived in New York on November 12, 1949 aboard the SS LA GUARDIA. She has been employed as a secretary to the Military, Naval and Air Attache since November 15, 1949. She resides c/o [redacted] Washington, D. C.

[redacted], a British citizen who was born at [redacted]. She entered the United States at Mobile, Alabama, on the SS [redacted]. She is employed as a stenographer and statistician and resides at [redacted].

[redacted] an American citizen, who was born [redacted] at [redacted]. She has been employed as a secretary in the Economic Department of the Embassy since August 24, 1949. [redacted] resides at [redacted] and was formerly employed in the General Accounting Office as a Claims Examiner and at Central Intelligence Agency as a secretary.

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[redacted] an Israeli citizen, who was American-born, [redacted] at [redacted] She arrived in the United States November 3, 1949, at Idlewild Airport, New York, via Air France. She has been secretary to the Ambassador since November 7, 1949.

[redacted] was formerly employed as secretary in the Foreign Liaison Office, Israeli Defense Force, Tel Aviv. Her residence was listed as Hotel Fairfax, Washington, D. C. According to source T-2 of known reliability, [redacted] signed an oath of renunciation of nationality of the United States on the 18th of October, 1949, which oath was accepted by the State Department. She formerly resided in the United States at [redacted] Pennsylvania. Her twin sister, [redacted] an American citizen, was employed by the Israeli Foreign Office for approximately a year. She returned to the United States during February or March 1949. b6 b7C

~~CEANA JOSELEVITZ~~, an Israeli citizen who was born August 4, 1912, at Novobug, Russia. She entered the United States November 29, 1949, at New York aboard the SS SOBIESKI. She has been a secretary at the Embassy since December 15, 1949, and resides at 3000 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

[redacted] an American citizen who was born [redacted] has been employed as a messenger since January 6, 1950. [redacted] apparently came to the Embassy from the Hechalutz Training Farm, Cream Ridge, New Jersey.

[redacted] an Israeli citizen who was born [redacted] at [redacted] He arrived in the United States at Logan Airport, Boston, Massachusetts, September 24, 1946, and has been employed as a chief clerk in the Office of the Military, Naval and Air Attache since December 15, 1949. From 1946 to 1948, VOLOVELSKY was a student at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. His residence is listed at [redacted] and also c/o [redacted] Massachusetts. b6 b7C

[redacted] who was formerly listed as being with the Israeli Supply Mission at New York City, was transferred to the Embassy on October 10, 1949.

According to source T-3 of known reliability, HARRY ZINDER, formerly Press Advisor at the Embassy, resigned as of November 5, 1949. Weekly press summaries which were formerly prepared by ZINDER for the Israeli Government are now prepared by MINNA DAVIDOVITCH, Assistant to the Press Advisor.

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Los Angeles, California

[redacted] an Israeli citizen who was born [redacted]
[redacted] at [redacted] Germany. She entered the United States at
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, aboard the SS NYASSA on July 10, 1944.
She has been employed as an English secretary to the Consul since
December 12, 1949, and resides at [redacted]
[redacted] California.

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[redacted] an American citizen, born
[redacted] at [redacted] New York. She is employed as a
secretary to the Director of the Office of Information and resides
at [redacted]

[redacted] an American citizen born [redacted]
at [redacted] New York. [redacted] is employed as a chauffeur and re-
sides at [redacted] California.

(c) ACTIVITIES

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Source T-3 indicated that Ambassador ELIATH was in
California during the month of December, [redacted]

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As further evidence of the Israelis using prominent
Americans, including government officials, for their own advantage,
T-5 of known reliability furnished the following information con-
cerning the recent prosecution of ADOLF SCHWIMMER and IRVING SCHINDLER
for attempting to illegally transport airplanes from the United
States to Israel where the latter country was at war with Arab na-
tions. The Israeli Government apparently was fearful that the above
prosecution would result in publicity unfavorable to Israel.

On April 1, 1949, [redacted] was advised by his go-
vernment that it was agreed that the matter relating to "AL SCHWIMMER
and other people under indictment" should be taken to the "highest
level" in order to "squash it once and forever".

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In this connection, the following course of action was
suggested to [redacted]

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1. Israel President, CHAIM WEIZMANN would discuss the matter with President TRUMAN. It is noted that WEIZMANN arrived in the United States for a visit on April 13, 1949.

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2. [] would take the matter up with President TRUMAN and Attorney General TOM CLARK. [] is believed to have been in Israel as of April 1, 1949, since [] was advised by his government that he [] was being taken on a visit to the Air Force Base to "meet the boys".

As has been previously reported, [] of President TRUMAN, has in the past been utilized as an influential contact by [].

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3. [] was requested to have [] (believed to be [] of New York City) to "take it up with his friends".

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4. [] was further requested to secure the intervention of [] and []

[] and []

According to the same source, a "suggested answer" to the above recommendations of the Israeli Government was to the effect that there would be no possibility of official intervention on the part of any one, including that of Israeli President WEIZMANN; that [] failed over a period of four months and further, that [] similarly failed. The government was to be further informed that the matter was being considered by the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and that efforts were being made to use "all available sources" but that there was no hope of settling the matter outside of juridical channels.

Apparently prior to transmitting the above suggested reply to Israel, [] was advised by his government on April 5, 1949 that [] intervention would probably not be possible due to other greater problems. [] was further advised that [] was of the opinion that EDDIE JACOBSON could be of no use, but that he [] was prepared to ask JOHNSON's intervention (apparently LOUIS JOHNSON, Secretary of National Defense). [] is undoubtedly identical with [] who is believed to have been in Israel on April 5, 1949.

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According to source T-1, from August until November 1949, the Military Attache's office of the Embassy was attempting to make arrangements for the training of Israel Army and civilian personnel in the United States. It was indicated through source that this training program had top priority in Israel and that considerable sums were being expended by the Israel Government for tuition and maintenance of students in the United States. Source advised that the schools involved, many of which are manufacturing organizations, are as follows:

Pratt and Whitney (engine mechanics)
Hamilton Standard (propellor mechanics)
(May be the Hamilton Propellor
Company, a division of United Air-
craft at East Hartford, Conn.)
Spartan Aeronautical School (Oklahoma)
Sperry Gyroscope
Casey Jones Aeronautical School
Teterboro School of Aeronautics
Stuart Technical School

As reflected by the New York Times of November 11, 1949, YEHESKEL GHAR, Inspector General of the Israeli Police Force and AMOS BEN-GURION, son of the Israeli Premier and Chief Training Officer of the Israeli police, were in the United States to study modern police methods and organization of the New York Police Department. [REDACTED]

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